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United States Wage Rates Up 2 Percent

There were 1,293,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 11-17, 2004 up 2 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$9.10 per hour during the July 2004 survey week, up 22 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.42 per hour, up 25 cents from last July. Livestock workers earned \$8.75 per hour compared with \$8.57 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.50 per hour, was up 24 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States July 11-17, 2004 with Comparisons ¹

Farm Employment	July 6-12, 2003	April 11-17, 2004	July 11-17, 2004
		1,000	
Hired Workers	943	827 *	953
150 Days or More	680	651 *	637
149 Days or Less	263	176 *	316
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	320	257 *	340
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,263	1084 *	1,293
		Hours Per Week	
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	39.8	40.6 *	39.3
		Dollars Per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{2,3}	8.88	9.23 *	9.10
Field & Livestock Combined	8.26	8.59 *	8.50
Field	8.17	8.47 *	8.42
Livestock	8.57	8.95	8.75

* Revised.

¹ Excludes AK.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

³ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers
by Region and United States, July 11-17, 2004 ¹**

United States and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	9.31	8.14	8.89	9.72
Northeast II	7.90	8.79	8.09	8.81
Appalachian I	8.07	8.25	8.10	8.67
Appalachian II	7.63	8.40	7.84	8.16
Southeast	8.19	8.68	8.34	8.88
Florida	8.70	9.10	8.78	9.63
Lake	8.29	9.13	8.55	9.30
Cornbelt I	8.80	8.96	8.85	9.60
Cornbelt II	8.08	8.61	8.35	8.70
Delta	7.26	7.58	7.35	7.65
Northern Plains	8.24	9.22	8.52	8.86
Southern Plains	7.59	8.18	7.81	8.58
Mountain I	7.91	7.89	7.90	8.23
Mountain II	8.63	9.39	8.90	9.47
Mountain III	7.45	8.24	7.73	8.34
Pacific	8.88	8.90	8.88	9.25
California	8.69	9.90	8.85	9.50
Hawaii ²	9.77		9.90	11.46
United States ³	8.42	8.75	8.50	9.10

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.² Insufficient data for livestock.³ Excludes AK.

**All Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region
and United States, July 11-17, 2004 ¹**

United States and Region	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More	149 Days of Less	
		1,000		Hours Per Week
Southeast	44	30	14	35.6
Florida	39	33	6	39.2
Delta	31	23	8	39.1
Northern Plains	39	23	16	37.4
Southern Plains	68	48	20	37.8
Pacific	112	47	65	37.3
California	210	167	43	45.6
Hawaii	7	6	1	39.4
United States ²	953	637	316	39.3

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.² Excludes AK.

**Mississippi Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings, Government Payments,
Forest Products and Value of Home Consumption, 1999-2003**

Commodity	1999*	2000*	2001*	2002*	2003 ⁴
1,000 Dollars					
Livestock and Products	2,144,704	2,036,446	2,276,640	1,951,558	2,164,558
Cattle and Calves	212,429	212,911	196,774	193,111	208,136
Hogs	43,583	53,500	64,138	42,185	42,126
Dairy Products	89,324	74,782	79,695	62,356	55,151
Broilers	1,323,180	1,220,835	1,492,335	1,223,520	1,424,124
Eggs	158,207	155,465	162,750	164,093	169,228
Farm Chickens	8,149	3,195	3,761	4,372	4,075
Catfish	294,876	300,303	260,852	243,226	243,176
Honey	710	845	999	1,727	1,855
Other Livestock and Poultry	14,246	14,610	15,336	16,968	16,687
Crops	998,989	692,417	861,607	889,664	1,246,444
Rice	119,101	69,069	70,860	74,175	82,240
Wheat	19,644	30,321	32,095	27,899	20,248
Hay	6,436	12,477	19,869	20,137	19,988
Corn	65,992	65,865	87,379	139,751	154,119
Sorghum Grain	6,462	11,217	13,095	14,859	13,773
Cotton Lint	420,755	168,433	327,870	238,968	444,445
Cottonseed	47,419	63,025	62,164	52,427	72,952
Soybeans	210,442	172,037	145,810	211,231	309,392
Sweetpotatoes	27,634	25,701	28,796	32,530	42,828
Watermelons	1,433	1,504	3,179	3,426	3,263
Misc. Vegetables	12,400	12,400	12,400	14,000	18,300
Pecans	3,975	2,945	2,625	2,490	5,228
Other Fruits and Nuts	5,820	6,080	3,435	4,500	6,815
Floriculture	14,876	14,543	15,427	16,171	15,153
Other Crops ²	36,600	36,800	36,603	37,100	37,700
Total All Commodities	3,143,693	2,728,863	3,138,247	2,841,222	3,411,002
Government Payments	440,837	463,901	517,007	249,758	475,825
Value of Home Consumption	3,722	3,237	2,751	4,219	4,440
Forest Products ³	1,023,055	1,001,890	775,912	766,175	na

* Revised.

¹ Included in Other Fruits and Nuts.

² Greenhouse/Nursery, Other Seed and Other Field Crops. Forest Products on a long production cycle (10 years or more) are not included in this category. Products with short production cycles such as horticulture and Christmas trees **are included** in this category. Therefore, there is some overlap between Other Crops and Forest Products.

³ Source: Harvest of Forest Products Report, Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, Forestry Department. This total includes the standing value of receipts for all Mississippi landowners, not just farmers.

⁴ Preliminary.

na Data not available.

With this table, the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service has begun reporting Forest Products on a "standing" value or "stumpage" value. Previously, we reported Forest Products on a "delivered" value. Delivered values include the value of transportation of timber to the sawmill and therefore do not represent the "first point of sale." All other agricultural products have always been on a "first point of sale" basis.

Mississippi Farm Output, Expenses, Government Transactions and Net Farm Income ^{1 2}

Item	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
1,000 Dollars					
Final Agricultural Sector Output (+)	3,636,601	3,308,524	3,860,729	3,319,053	3,933,735
Final Crop Output	1,051,238	831,331	1,036,283	925,926	1,325,370
Final Animal Output	2,101,705	2,035,839	2,292,970	1,936,405	2,138,148
Services and Forestry	483,658	441,354	531,476	456,722	470,216
Machine Hire and Customwork	19,095	12,422	20,588	19,429	24,868
Forest Products Sold	24,100	22,600	23,100	22,700	23,000
Other Farm Income	265,316	227,343	296,565	219,749	223,417
Rental Value of Farm Dwellings	175,147	178,989	191,223	194,844	198,931
Total Production Expenses (-)	2,229,771	2,111,716	2,350,638	2,293,339	2,339,546
Farm Origin	826,802	805,197	882,289	830,374	776,244
Feed Purchased	595,487	568,665	622,505	542,899	481,002
Livestock and Poultry Purchased	141,846	143,757	151,307	149,618	154,250
Seed Purchased	89,469	92,775	108,477	137,857	140,992
Manufactured Inputs	530,774	530,085	555,800	574,622	607,809
Fertilizers and Lime	139,688	125,429	134,759	132,306	144,304
Pesticides	245,841	229,033	244,186	256,112	250,918
Petroleum fuel and Oils	106,323	133,567	135,868	144,339	147,577
Electricity	38,922	42,056	40,987	41,865	65,010
Other Purchased Inputs	872,195	776,434	912,549	888,343	955,493
Net Government Transactions (+)	374,532	394,817	445,299	159,674	410,194
Capital Consumption (-)	293,156	297,103	303,359	307,519	309,287
Payments to Stakeholders (-)	517,148	544,450	582,786	542,433	546,690
Hired Labor	179,621	173,457	186,484	175,484	175,392
Net rent to Nonoperator Landlords	106,461	121,411	164,710	154,196	154,446
Interest	231,066	249,582	231,592	212,753	216,852
Net Farm Income (=)	971,058	750,072	1,069,245	335,437	1,148,406

¹ Revised.² Value of agricultural sector production is the gross value of the commodities and services produced within a year. Net value-added is the sector's contribution to the National economy and is the sum of the income from production earned by all factors-of-production, regardless of ownership. Net farm income is the farm operators' share of income from the sector's production activities. The concept presented is consistent with that employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Source: Economic Research Service/USDA.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, August 1, 2003-2004

State	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
North Atlantic	12,270	12,767	104	4,861	4,778	98
East North Central	8,395	9,292	111	7,100	7,440	105
West North Central	22,081	23,666	107	7,503	6,289	84
South Atlantic	234,054	236,686	101	2,556	3,681	144
South Central	341,707	355,241	104	5,099	4,149	81
West	22,995	25,253	110	3,597	4,761	132
United States	641,502	662,905	103	30,716	31,098	101

July Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2003-2004

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	9,749	9,548	46	39	137	139
Arkansas	15,361	14,462	99	94	192	182
Florida	10,813	11,549	229	250	11	10
Georgia	20,337	20,076	246	251	174	174
Mississippi	6,795	6,825	44	41	92	95
North Carolina	10,663	10,817	85	79	131	133
Oklahoma	4,045	4,064	45	44	32	35
South Carolina	5,269	5,246	95	95	19	22
Virginia	3,143	3,193	27	29	36	33
United States	334,179	341,897	6,316	6,449	1,086	1,095

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

July Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2003-2004

State	July			January-July		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	105,661	113,716	108	716,906	767,479	107
Arkansas	111,352	115,416	104	765,907	789,707	103
Florida	4,874	4,987	102	37,816	34,187	90
Georgia	118,995	122,912	103	796,179	832,905	105
Kentucky	24,218	26,607	110	167,030	177,216	106
Mississippi	71,521	74,656	104	487,607	500,482	103
North Carolina	64,958	67,288	104	463,022	461,854	100
Texas	53,685	56,341	105	373,537	380,574	102
United States	777,838	806,827	104	5,333,545	5,469,903	103

**Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States,
July 2004 with Comparisons ¹**

State	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2004 as Percent of ²	
				July 2003	June 2004
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	3.2	2.6	2.6	82	101
Arkansas	5.5	5.4	4.6	83	85
Florida	5.6	4.6	4.6	83	101
Georgia	23.1	12.8	13.5	59	106
Kentucky	36.6	39.9	39.6	108	99
Louisiana	1.1	1.0	1.0	90	97
Mississippi	24.5	23.8	22.5	92	95
Missouri	35.4	36.9	36.2	102	98
North Carolina	173.6	176.6 *	151.5	87	86
Oklahoma	79.8	91.6	80.8	100	87
South Carolina	19.2	20.7	19.1	99	92
Tennessee	21.1	17.9	16.3	77	91
Texas	468.6	414.9	399.8	85	96
United States	4,050.1	3,928.1*	3,707.6	92	94

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

* Revised.

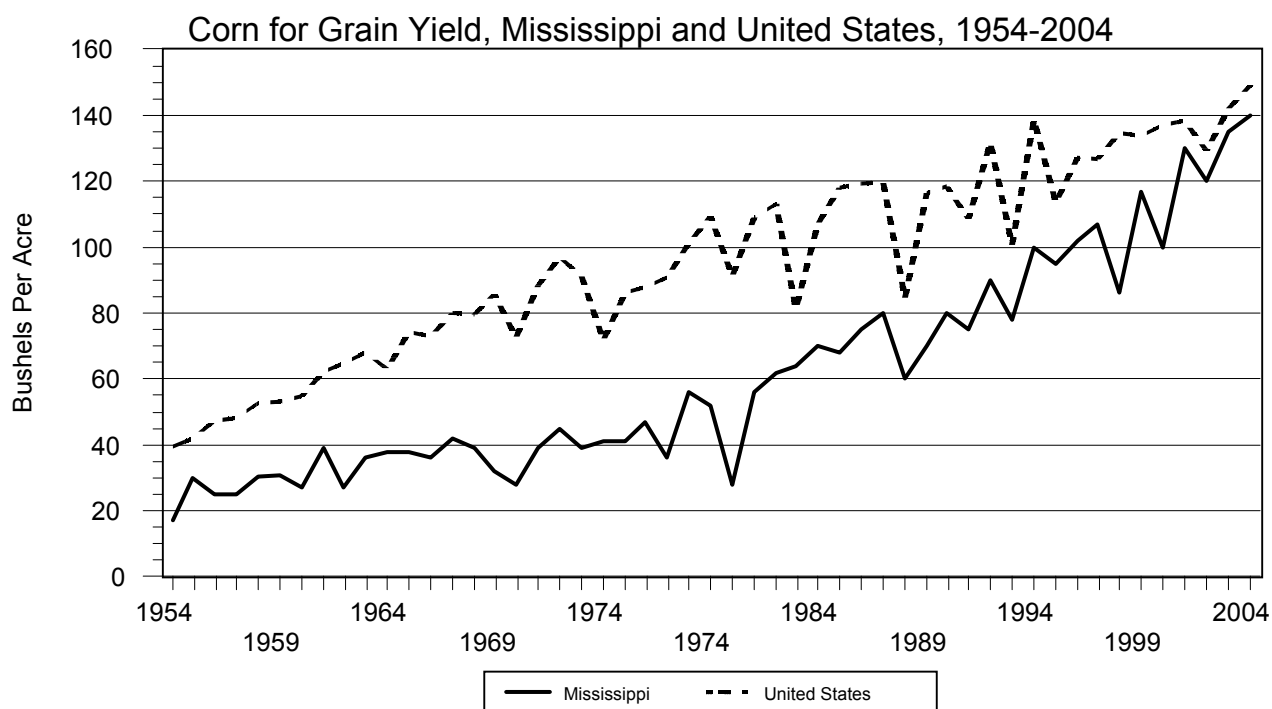
Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, August 1, 2004

State	On Farms or Farm Warehouses	In Mills and Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or in Transit	Total all Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas	400	3,244	3,632	0	7,276
California	*	1,464	7,793	*	9,422
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	998
Mississippi	*	*	689	0	874
Missouri	*	*	*	0	560
Texas	*	*	157	0	385
Unallocated *	171	1,377	548	40	
United States	571	6,085	12,819	40	19,515
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas		1,088	*	*	1,304
California		701	*	*	703
Louisiana		*	*	*	*
Mississippi		*	0	*	*
Missouri		*	0	0	*
Texas		301	0	0	301
Unallocated *		501	105	255	643
United States		2,591	105	255	2,951

* Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Mississippi's Rank Among States In Agricultural Commodities, 2003

Commodity	Production or Number	Unit	Rank
All Cotton	2,120,000	bales	2
All Rice	15,912,000	hundredweight	4
Sorghum for Grain	6,132,000	bushels	10
Sorghum for Silage	13,000	tons	22
Sweetpotatoes	2,380,000	hundredweight	4
Soybeans	55,770,000	bushels	12
Winter Wheat	6,125,000	bushels	27
All Hay	1,875,000	tons	32
Corn for Grain	71,550,000	bushels	19
Corn for Silage	150,000	tons	43
Watermelons	261,000	hundredweight	15
Potted Poinsettias	239,000	pots sold	35
Catfish-foodsize	393,000,000	pounds sold	1
Broilers	790,300,000	number	4
Eggs	1,599,000,000	number	16
All Cattle & Calves ¹	1,020,000	number	31
Beef Cows ¹	541,000	number	21
Milk Cows ¹	29,000	number	35
Milk	476,000,000	pounds	37
Hogs & Pigs ²	305,000	number	21
Honey	1,449,000	pounds	22

¹ January 1, 2004.² December 1, 2003.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, August 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	August 2003 Entire Month		July 2004 Entire Month		August 2004 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.15	---	2.51	---	2.27
Cotton, Upland	lb	.444	.463	.576	.545	.550 ¹	.525 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.93	---	4.27	---	3.87
Soybeans	bu	5.73	5.68	8.25	8.46	6.20	6.34
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.28	---	3.32	---	3.02
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	5.47	---	8.79	---	8.49
All Milk	cwt	---	13.30	---	16.00	---	15.00
Fluid	cwt	---	13.30	---	16.00	---	15.10
Manufacturing	cwt	---	13.20	---	14.30	---	13.90
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	79.30	---	88.50	---	88.10
Cows	cwt	---	44.50	---	56.30	---	55.50
Calves	cwt	---	106.00	---	131.00	---	131.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	82.90	---	91.80	---	91.50
All Hogs	cwt	---	39.60	---	57.10	---	56.00
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	39.90	---	57.50	---	56.30
Sows	cwt	---	32.60	---	49.20	---	49.40
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.360	---	.520	---	.460
Market Eggs	doz	.670 ²	.668 ²	.370 ²	.399 ²	.330	.334

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month prices.